

## CLAIMS

- 1    1.     A feeding and aspirating tube assembly comprising:  
2         a first outer aspirating tube; and  
3         a second inner feeding tube;  
4         wherein the second inner feeding tube is removably disposed inside the first outer  
5         aspirating tube.
- 1    2.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer tube fits loosely around  
2         the inner tube to permit aspiration while the inner tube is disposed inside the outer tube.
- 1    3.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 1, wherein in an assembled state, a distal end  
2         of the inner tube is in a range from approximately 2 cm to approximately 4 cm from a  
3         distal end of the outer tube.
- 1    4.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 3, further comprising:  
2         at least one feeding tube opening in the inner tube; and  
3         wherein the at least one feeding opening is located in a range from approximately  
4         ½ cm to approximately 3 cm from the distal end of the outer tube.
- 1    5.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 4, further comprising a plurality of feeding  
2         tube openings including the at least one feeding tube opening, wherein a most distal one  
3         of the feeding tube openings is in a range from approximately 2 cm to approximately 3  
4         cm from the distal end of the outer tube.
- 1    6.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 4, further comprising a plurality of feeding  
2         tube openings including the at least one feeding tube opening, wherein a most proximal  
3         one of the feeding tube openings is located in a range from approximately ½ cm to  
4         approximately 2 cm from the distal end of the outer tube.

- 1     7.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 1, wherein:  
2           the outer tube further comprises an external end; and  
3           the external end of the outer tube has a plurality of input branches.
- 1     8.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 7, wherein the inner tube further comprises an  
2     external end having an adapter that seals a selected one of the input branches and  
3     provides an input opening of the inner tube external to the selected branch.
- 1     9.     The feeding tube assembly of claim 8, wherein the input opening of the inner tube  
2     fluidly connects an exterior of the assembly with a rest of the inner tube through the  
3     selected branch.
- 1     10.    The feeding tube assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer diameter of the inner  
2     tube is in a range from approximately 1 mm to approximately 3 mm.
- 1     11.    The feeding tube assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer diameter of the outer  
2     tube is in a range from approximately 3 mm to approximately 6 mm.
- 1     12.    A method of feeding and aspirating comprising:  
2           inserting an inner tube through an outer tube;  
3           sealing an external end of the inner tube relative an external end of the outer tube;  
4           placing the combination inner tube and outer tube in the jejunum of a patient;  
5           feeding from externally of the patient through the inner tube to the jejunum of the  
6     patient; and  
7           aspirating from the jejunum through the outer tube.

1     13.     The method of feeding and aspirating of claim 12, wherein:  
2             the step of feeding comprises feeding for a first predetermined period of time after  
3     an operation;  
4             the method of feeding and aspirating further comprises:  
5                 removing the inner tube from the outer tube after the first predetermined  
6     period of time; and  
7                 feeding through one of the outer tube and another separate feeding tube.

1     14.     The method of feeding and aspirating of claim 12 wherein:  
2             the step of feeding further comprises feeding for a first predetermined period of  
3     time after an operation;  
4             the method of feeding and aspirating further comprises:  
5                 removing the inner tube from the outer tube after the first predetermined  
6     period of time; and  
7                 feeding and aspirating through the outer tube after the first predetermined  
8     period of time.